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## Search for sailor moves on



**Zane  
Woodford**  
Metro | Halifax

The search for a missing sailor came up empty over the week-end.

Leading Seaman Benoit Bilodeau was last seen Nov. 21, near a bus stop in front of 12 Wing Shearwater.

"We've done our part of the search, and what we're saying is we believe he's not here," Halifax Regional Search and Rescue spokesman Tony Rodgers said Sunday.

About 45 people searched a three- to four-square-kilometre area around the base and found "very little." Rodgers said the only thing they did find was an article of clothing, but they weren't sure it had anything to do with Bilodeau.

The 48-year-old sailor was reported missing after he didn't show up to work last Monday morning, something colleagues said was out of character.

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**Terri and Chuck**, two greyhounds, were among the dogs that were able to have their photo taken with Santa. All proceeds from the photos were donated to the SPCA. REBECCA DINGWELL/FOR METRO



**Minnie the Chow Chow** rocks a pink tutu as she waits for the adoring attention of passersby. REBECCA DINGWELL/FOR METRO

## Paw-fuls of Christmas cheer

### ANIMALS

### Holiday pups strut their stuff at Quinpool Pet Parade



**Rebecca Dingwell**  
For Metro | Halifax

The sidewalk on Quinpool Road was flooded with dogs Saturday.

Despite a bit of wet weather,

the annual Quinpool Pet Parade marched on, as dozens of dogs wagged their way down the street.

Quinpool Road Mainstreet District Association has been partnering with the Halifax Veterinary Hospital for several years to bring the event to the central street that's lined with many local small businesses.

"People that are driving through on Quinpool kind of see that there's activities going on, and it brings their awareness to Quinpool Road," Peter Ainslie, owner and oper-



**Everybody loves dogs and the fact they're dressed up brings an even better dimension.**

Karla Nicholson

ator of three veterinary clinics in the city, said Saturday.

While several of the dogs were dressed up, many were too preoccupied with the idea of making new friends to be concerned with their outfits. A Chow Chow, chihuahua and Bernese Mountain puppy were among the crowd. Santa Claus

was even in tow.

Karla Nicholson of the Quinpool Road Mainstreet District Association said the parade appeals to just about everyone.

"Everybody loves dogs ... and the fact that they're dressed up (brings) an even better dimension to the event," she said.

In addition, Nicholson feels

the surrounding community and shops take great joy in having the dogs around.

"The community response is awesome. We get a lot of honking of horns, people coming out of the businesses and waving," Nicholson said Saturday.

Following the parade, pet owners could get a photo of their furry friends with Santa. All proceeds from the photos go to the SPCA.

"That's an important fundraiser that we do on the street, because there are many, many businesses that support ani-

mals and allow dogs into their businesses," Nicholson said. "It's very much in mind with how (Quinpool) businesses feel about animals."

The Quinpool Pet Parade also helps kick off the street's many holiday events, all of which can be found on the Quinpool Road Mainstreet District Association website.

"Downtown Halifax has its parade where it closes all the streets.

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# Time for climate action: Rally

## ENVIRONMENT

**Event one of 2,300 globally ahead of Paris summit**



**Zane Woodford**  
Metro | Halifax

Hundreds of people gathered in downtown Halifax Sunday afternoon to demand action to stop climate change.

The event was one of four in Nova Scotia and 2,300 around the world Sunday ahead of the Paris climate change conference starting Monday.

Protesters gathered in Victoria Park and marched down Spring Garden Road chanting slogans like: "We are unstoppable; another world is possible."

Among other things, the protesters were calling for a complete transition from fossil fuels to renewable energy by 2050.

"The era of fossil fuels has got to end," said Brian Gifford, an organizer of the protest Sunday.

"We feel it's essential — as the scientists have been telling us — that we actually get our act together and make big changes to go in the direction of renewables."

Co-organizer Jayde Tynes with the Energy Action Team at the Ecology Action Centre, said the protest was meant to put pressure on world leaders attending the United Nations conference on climate change in Paris.



Hundreds of people attended a rally and march for climate change in Halifax's Victoria Park on Sunday afternoon. JEFF HARPER / METRO



**If there's not a legally binding agreement, all the work that we're doing now could be gone tomorrow.** Jayde Tynes

"We all have a stake in what's happening with our planet ... and we want to see

leadership in that regard, because we know it's going to affect us in our everyday lives,"

she said.

"We want to see this change not just locally here in Atlantic Canada, but nationally and globally as well."

Tynes said she had been hopeful for Prime Minister Justin Trudeau's goals on climate change until she heard he was backing the U.S. plan

to make any agreements made at the conference non-legally binding.

"Governments change, powers change ... and climate change is a long-term transition and process and it can't happen just in the short term," she said.

"If there's not a legally bind-

ing agreement, all the work that we're doing now could be gone tomorrow."

More than 40,000 people and 100 heads of state will be at the two-week long conference starting in Paris on Monday, with the goal of coming up with a global plan to combat climate change.



## IN BRIEF

### Trio swarmed by group near Halifax Common

Two men and one woman were assaulted after being swarmed by a large group of up to 15 people near the Halifax Common.

The attack happened just after 1 a.m. Sunday, near the oval on Cogswell Street, Halifax Regional Police said in a news release.

The female victim was knocked to the ground before her wallet was stolen, police said. One of the male victims was also knocked to the ground before being punched and kicked. He was later treated by paramedics for minor injuries. The third victim started fighting back, but the suspects, all wearing dark clothing, ran from the scene

towards North Part Street.

As of Sunday afternoon, police hadn't made any arrests. METRO

### Police seek suspects in attempted robbery

Halifax Regional Police are investigating an attempted robbery on Roleika Drive in Dartmouth at about 3:30 a.m. on Saturday.

The victim, a 23-year-old man, was on Roleika Drive when four men tried to rob him. He was hit in the head and face, receiving a cut on his face. He reported that the suspects had a gun, but that nothing was stolen. The suspects fled the scene on foot, police said.

Paramedics treated him at the scene. Officers searched the area with the K9 Unit,

but the suspects were not found. The suspects are described as black, all wearing black jackets with hoods.

Anyone with information about this incident is asked to contact police or Crime Stoppers. METRO

### Fire kills 40-year-old man in Windsor, N.S.

A fire in central Nova Scotia claimed the life of a 40-year-old man Saturday night.

RCMP say the call came in shortly after 5:30 p.m.

Police say the man was found dead inside the Cambridge home after the fire was extinguished.

Investigators say the fire does not appear to be suspicious.

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Fred Connors says he has been "delighted" by the number of requests from retailers looking to host a pop-up in his north-end store. HALEY RYAN/METRO

# A pop-up retail space that you can embrace

## ENTREPRENEURSHIP

### FRED. owner offers free spot for struggling businesses



**Haley Ryan**  
Metro | Halifax

Fred Connors is hoping free retail space away from the "nightmare" of downtown construction can help new and struggling businesses.

The long-time owner of FRED., in Halifax's north end, recently closed the café part of his salon in preparation for moving to another location, which freed up space for pop-up shops.

There have been a few pop-ups already, but after hearing about businesses near the Nova Centre losing money due to ongoing construction and street closures, Connors specifically offered the space to downtown owners feeling the pinch.

"I could not believe the feeling of chaos that existed in a historic downtown that once felt very enjoyable to be in," Connors

said Friday about a recent walk near the convention centre site.

"If I were down here it would be a nightmare."

Connors said he's offering to host any businesses' pop-up shop in the space for free between Dec. 12 and Christmas, since this is the time of year when every dollar counts.

Although the weeks leading up to the holidays are extra important, Connors added those looking to sell their wares could also have a pop-up in the new year since the salon likely won't move before the end of the winter.

Connors said many downtown retailers seemed optimistic about the long-term benefits when the Nova Centre was announced, without realizing how much negative impact construction for roughly five years would have.

"Not a lot of these entrepreneurs are going to be able to even manage short-term disruption," Connors said.

After posting the offer Thursday evening, Connors said he was "delighted" on Friday to see messages from retailers looking to host a pop-up, and his Facebook status had been shared

## + WISH BOOK

Wish Book, a pop-up featuring more than 35 local and Canadian entrepreneurs, is now at FRED. until Dec. 12.

more than he'd hoped.

"If you have a lot of something don't hoard it, share it," Connors said.

"We do have ... an abundance of space and it just feels better when there's more things and more people in it."

## CRIME

### Police nab man for theft, drugs

A Halifax-area man is facing charges after police seized drugs and stolen property from across Canada from his home.

Officers from the Halifax District RCMP street crime unit, as well as Tantallon and Cole Harbour RCMP, searched a Glen Haven residence Thursday.

According to a news release issued over the weekend, a 36-year-old man was arrested at the Peggys Cove Road residence.

As part of the search, RCMP seized several pieces of stolen property and a quantity of drugs.

The search was related to theft investigations in the Tantallon and Cole Harbour areas, police said, and some of the recovered items were stolen from New Brunswick and as far away as Saskatchewan.

The 36-year-old Glen Haven man is facing charges of trafficking in stolen property, three counts of possession of property obtained by crime, tampering with a vehicle identification number, fraud, four counts of possession of a prohibited weapon, and possession of marijuana.

He was released from custody on an undertaking and a promise to appear, and will appear in Halifax provincial court Jan. 27 and 28, 2016.

The investigation is continuing. METRO STAFF

## RELOCATION

### Tom's gets warm welcome back



**Rebecca Dingwell**  
For Metro | Halifax

The sign says it all: Tom's is open.

After moving from its Doyle Street location to City Centre Atlantic on Birmingham Street, Tom's Little Havana is getting a warm welcome back from its customers.

Mike Nicholls, who frequents Tom's, is glad the bar is once again up and running.

"I'm happy to see the staff working again and Tom and Lynne back in business," Nicholls said Saturday. "I think it will work out well — they're good people and smart people."

Lynne Ferguson, co-owner

of Tom's as well as The Fireside, announced plans to move back in the spring. The popular eateries used to be located in a building owned by Westwood Developments Limited. When the company decided they would be demolishing the building, both restaurants had to find new digs.

In May, Ferguson told Metro Halifax, "The real hardcore regulars know that we're moving somewhere close." True to her word, City Centre Atlantic is less than a five minute walk from their previous location.

As of Friday, both Tom's and The Fireside are re-opened and sharing a kitchen.

Mary and Barry Herod stopped by Tom's on Saturday afternoon, sharing the opinion

the atmosphere is what makes it great.

"Parking can be an issue," Barry said of the current location, "but that's always an issue when you're downtown."

Overall, the pair was pleased with the new place.

"They've done a nice job of capturing what they had before," said Barry.

"I like the staff (and) the same people pretty much come in here," added Mary. "It's a nice camaraderie."

Jamie Hall, who owns Rocky Mountain Chocolate nearby, feels Tom's will "100 per cent" succeed at its Birmingham site.

"The revitalization of Spring Garden road is alive and growing as we speak," Hall said before stepping into the pub.



After moving from its Doyle Street location, Tom's Little Havana is officially open on Birmingham Street in Halifax. REBECCA DINGWELL/FOR METRO



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The search over the weekend for Leading Seaman Benoit Bilodeau, 48, from 12 Wing Shearwater, came up empty. JEFF HARPER/METRO

# Police still 'very hopeful' of finding missing sailor

**BENOIT BILODEAU**

## Search could zero in on another area: Investigator



**Zane Woodford**  
Metro | Halifax

An RCMP investigator says police are "very optimistic" and

"very hopeful" that they'll find a sailor who has been missing for more than a week.

Leading Seaman Benoit Bilodeau, 48, was last seen Nov. 21 walking near a bus stop in front of 12 Wing Shearwater, carrying a duffle bag.

"We are going to investigate every avenue that comes towards us," Cpl. Tyson Springstead said Sunday afternoon at Shearwater.

The search of the area around Shearwater ended Sunday afternoon after Halifax

Regional Search and Rescue volunteers spent days combing the area and found "very little."

That search area was identified after a cellphone ping, presumably telling investigators Bilodeau had been in the area, but Springstead wouldn't say exactly where they believed he was.

Springstead said police have been receiving a "steady amount of tips" in the case. Many of those tips are possible recent and past sightings of Bilodeau, though Springstead wouldn't elaborate on any details.

He said investigators are also reviewing video footage from Halifax Transit buses, but wouldn't say if Bilodeau was ever on a bus, just that he's "known to use buses."



**Leading Seaman Benoit Bilodeau.** CONTRIBUTED

Springstead said he's working on the assumption that Bilodeau is still alive, even though he hasn't been seen for more than a week.

"We don't have any lead to

say he's not alive, so we're going to action our searches on the course of action that he is still alive," he said.

CFB Halifax base commander Cpt. Chris Sutherland said Sunday he sailed with Bilodeau in 2010, and for him to be missing is out of character for the sailor who he called "very reliable."

Sutherland said the Canadian Forces are providing support for Bilodeau's family in Quebec and Ontario, and for his colleagues in Halifax.

"Our thoughts and prayers are with the family and friends," he said.

Springstead said investigators are in the process of identifying another area to search, but he wouldn't say where that might be.

**HIGHWAY 101 CRASH**

## Truck driver found guilty

The man behind the wheel of a transport truck that crashed into traffic stopped for construction on Highway 101 near Falmouth in 2013 has been found guilty of driving dangerously.

On Nov. 27, Mohammad Younus, 61, of Hamilton, was convicted of dangerous driving causing death and dangerous driving causing bodily harm. The two charges stem from a fatal car crash that occurred on July 9, 2013.

"Having considered all of the evidence, I'm satisfied beyond a reasonable doubt that Mr. Younus' driving conduct was objectively dangerous to the public," said Judge Claudine MacDonald as she presented a summarized version of her ruling.

MacDonald said the evidence was clear: Younus was traveling at a speed of 104.7 kilometres per hour in a 90 zone. Leading up to the accident, there were signs indicating construction was taking place, and the driving conditions were good.

"The tractor trailer brakes were not applied until approximately two seconds before the collision occurred," she noted.

The minivan that received the brunt force of the impact was at the end of the line of stopped traffic. In the van was the driver, Renee Dawson, her two children, and a neighbour's child — five-year-old Evan Servaes.

During the collision, Servaes was thrown from the vehicle. He died from his injuries in the hospital the next day, which happened to be his sixth birthday. One of Dawson's children, a seven-year-old girl, suffered a Grade 3 concussion and had two fractures in the eye orbital on her right hand side plus a bone chip fracture in her left cheek.

Younus will return to Windsor provincial court Feb. 16, 2016 for sentencing. At that time, the court will also deal with the summary offence ticket that alleges Younus altered his logbooks.

Following the verdict, defence lawyer Chris Manning said he couldn't say much prior to the sentencing.

However, when asked how Younus was feeling following the ruling, he said: "I think he's disappointed, as one might expect, but I believe he's also accepting of it at this time."

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**We don't have any lead to say he's not alive, so we're going to action our searches on the course ... that he is still alive,**

Cpl. Tyson Springstead



## CRIME

## RCMP seeking masked robber

The Indian Brook RCMP is investigating after a lone masked suspect entered the Indian Brook Gaming Center early Sunday morning and used pepper spray on a cashier and security guard.

The suspect entered the store at approximately 12:30 a.m. and, after using the pepper spray, struggled with the staff before fleeing with an undisclosed amount of money.

An RCMP service dog was called in to assist with the location of the suspect, but efforts to do so were unsuccessful.

The suspect is described as approximately six feet tall.

The suspect was also said to be wearing a black coat, black pants, black shoes, a hoodie and black facemask at the time of the incident.

According to RCMP, the investigation is ongoing.

TRURO DAILY NEWS

## + CONTACT

Halifax Regional police are encouraging anyone with information pertaining to the incident to please contact the Indian Brook RCMP at 902-758-3388.

Tips can also be submitted by contacting Nova Scotia Crime Stoppers via 1-800-222-8477, or by texting TIP202 + your message to 'CRIMES' (274637) or by Secure Web Tips at [www.crimestoppers.ns.ca](http://www.crimestoppers.ns.ca).

TRURO DAILY NEWS

# Medical pot supplier set to launch next summer

## HEALTH

## Province's first legal grow-op nears approval

Production of Nova Scotia's first legalized medicinal marijuana grow operation is expected to begin next summer if all goes according to plan.

The Truro Herbal Co. (The THC) has received Stage 3 approval from Health Canada under the federal medical marijuana production regulations.

Company president Evan

Price said he is hoping production will be underway by next July or August.

"It's not just something that you do overnight," he said, of the heavily scrutinized approval process required to set up a legalized marijuana grow-op.

The THC is now reviewing security system protocols and developing a construction plan for the new facility to be built in the Truro Business Park.

With passage of the latest stage in the approval process, Price said the company now is able to close the 6.3-acre land purchase deal with the Town



**It has been almost two years of planning, and we're really excited as we move towards construction.**

Evan Price, Truro Herbal Co. president

of Truro. He plans to hand a cheque over to the town Monday to complete the deal.

"It has been almost two years of planning and we're really excited as we move towards construction," he said. "Patients here have been asking for months when will a local supplier be available, and we're one step closer to

being able to say their wait is finally over."

Dr. John Gillis, the company's vice-president of Medical Developments, said start up of the operation will fulfill a recognized need for patients in Atlantic Canada.

"Patients in Atlantic Canada lack equitable access to the medicine they need," he said.

"We're committed to leveling the playing field for patients in Atlantic Canada."

Price said the company is in the process of meeting with financial partners and contractors to ensure its state-of-the-art facility can begin construction this spring.

"Many other companies expected a fast licensing process and burned through a lot of cash very early in their applications," he said. "We have been prudent for our investors and we'll remain so as we progress through Health Canada's application requirements." TRURO DAILY NEWS



**LET IT SNOW SANTA HELPS FOLKS ON SPRING GARDEN ROAD GET INTO THE SPIRIT OF THE SEASON.** Environment Canada was calling for a 40 per cent chance of flurries Sunday night, with a low of -8 C, although a high of +8 C or +9 C is expected over the next few days. REBECCA DINGWELL/FOR METRO

## HYDROMORPHONE

## Brothers arrested for drug trafficking

Police and RCMP executed two controlled drug and substance act search warrants at two residences in the New Waterford area.

As a result, police seized a substantial quantity of Hydromorphone and cash.

Police arrested 53-year-old Peter William Power for possession for purpose of trafficking in Hydromorphone, contrary to Section 5(2) of the Control Drug and Substance Act. He is also facing charges of dan-

gerous operation of a motor vehicle, flight from police and resisting arrest.

Police also arrested 62-year-old Martin Patrick Power for possession for the purpose of trafficking in Hydromorphone, contrary to Section 5(2) of the Control Drug and Substance Act.

Both accused have been remanded to Cape Breton Correctional Centre and will appear in Sydney provincial court Monday. CAPE BRETON POST

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**2015 DODGE JOURNEY, SXT**  
36,372 km | Stock # P15-091



**2015 MITSUBISHI OUTLANDER, ES AWC**  
41,177 km | Stock # P15-106



**2015 MITSUBISHI RVR, GT 2.4L**  
6,580 km | Stock # P15-098



**2014 MITSUBISHI MIRAGE, ES**  
44,973 km | Stock # M15-340AA



**2014 NISSAN MAXIMA, SV**  
50,231 km | Stock # P15-042



**2014 HYUNDAI ELANTRA, GL**  
46,876 km | Stock # P15-039



**2014 KIA RONDO, FX**  
56,549 km | Stock # P15-093



**2014 HYUNDAI SONATA, GL**  
49,603 km | Stock # P15-040



**2014 CHRYSLER TOWN & COUNTRY, TOURING**  
65,872 km | Stock # P15-038



**2014 CHRYSLER 300, TOURING**  
24,086 km | Stock # P15-033



**2013 DODGE AVENGER, SXT**  
52,000 km | Stock # u14-040



**2013 TOYOTA COROLLA, LE**  
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**2013 HYUNDAI ELANTRA GT, GL**  
37,459 km | Stock # M15-321A



**2013 VOLKSWAGEN JETTA, 2.0 TDI**  
33,101 km | Stock # m14-501a



**2013 INFINITI G37X, SPORT**  
50,184 km | Stock # P15-045



**2013 SUZUKI KIZASH, SX**  
14 km | Stock # p15-004



**2012 CHEVROLET SONIC, LT**  
107,964 km | Stock # M15-282A



**2015 FORD FUSION, SE**  
42,953 km | Stock # U15-022



**2015 TOYOTA COROLLA, LE ECO**  
22,460 km | Stock # P15-090



**2015 NISSAN TITAN, S CREW CAB 4WD**  
16,486 km | Stock # U15-009



**2011 BMW 323, I**  
75,965 km | Stock # P15-055



**2011 MERCEDES-BENZ C250**  
83,206 km | Stock # M15-344AA



**2014 AUDI A4, 2.0 KOMFORT**  
40,325 km | Stock # P15-046



**2011 MERCEDES-BENZ C-CLASS**  
46,396 km | Stock # P15-036A



**2012 MITSUBISHI RVR, SE**  
121,074 km | Stock # P14-013



**2012 MAZDA MAZDA3, GS-SKY**  
68,766 km | Stock # M15-337A



**2014 CHRYSLER 300 TOURING**  
24,086 km | Stock # P15-033



**2012 MAZDA MAZDA3, GS-SKY**  
58,602 km | Stock # M15-296A



**2012 FORD FOCUS SE**  
55,796 km | Stock # M15-299A



**2014 RAM 1500, ST**  
23,176 km | Stock # M15-207A



**2013 VOLKSWAGEN JETTA, S**  
38,455 km | Stock # P15-047A



**2013 MITSUBISHI LANCER, SE**  
56,000 km | Stock # P15-008



**2013 KIA SOUL, 2.0L 2U**  
30,050 km | Stock # M15-345A



**2012 HONDA CIVIC, LX**  
82,103 km | Stock # P15-001A



**2012 FORD FOCUS S**  
62,000 km | Stock # N13-086A





## IMMIGRATION

## Ministers hear of refugees' struggle

The World Food Program ran out of money last fall to help feed 80,000 people who live at Zaatari, a refugee camp in Jordan near the Syrian border that was set up in the early days of Syria's civil war.

Without the prepaid MasterCard with the \$28 US per person, per month, to buy food at the two official supermarkets in camp, people pulled their children out of school so they could work for grocery money and rates of child marriage rose as a way for families to provide for their daughters.

An influx of cash from international donors — Canada among them — helped alleviate the immediate crisis, a delegation of federal cabinet ministers heard Sunday from WFP and UNICEF officials.

Immigration Minister John McCallum, Health Minister Jane Philpott and Defence Minister Harjit Sajjan were on a one-day visit to Jordan, one of the three countries from which Canada is now in the process of selecting 25,000 Syrian refugees for resettlement in Canada over the coming months.

The program includes \$100 million in aid money, too, some of it going to programs like food assistance to help forestall another such emergency.

The ongoing challenge was clearly on Sajjan's mind.

The reality is most of the refugees Canada will take in between now and the end of February are unlikely to come from Zaatari or camps elsewhere, but from cities and towns. But that hasn't stopped the residents of the camps from hoping they'll get a spot.

"Canadians in Zaatari. Are there good news about resettlement for Zaatari people?" asked one resident, in a tweet to camp manager Hovig Etyemezian, which he read aloud to the group.

"We certainly hope so," said McCallum. "That's why we're here." THE CANADIAN PRESS

### WORKLOAD

#### Canada opens processing centre in Jordan

A trickle of Syrian refugees seeking to leave Jordan flowed into Canada's processing centre in the capital Amman on Sunday, with 90 people put through a multi-step process.

An immigration official who briefed the ministers suggested that while the centre's goal is to process 500 people a day, that workload will be a challenge. THE CANADIAN PRESS



Authorities screen a family of Syrian refugees for potential passage to Canada in Amman on Sunday. THE CANADIAN PRESS

## CITIZENSHIP

## Man set to recant oath to the Queen

A soon-to-be Canadian has served notice he plans to recant the mandatory Oath of Allegiance to the Queen immediately after he becomes a citizen.

In a letter sent to the citizenship court judge earlier this month, Dror Bar-Natan states his opposition to the oath, which he calls "repulsive," and his plan to renege on the pledge following his citizenship ceremony on Monday.

Bar-Natan, 49, is a math pro-



**I am going to tell the citizenship judge, 'I hereby completely disavow it.'**

**Dror Bar-Natan**

fessor from Israel who has been in Canada for 13 years.

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### RESPECTS TO PARIS TRUDEAU JOINS OTHER DIGNITARIES

Quebec Premier Philippe Couillard (left to right), Montreal Mayor Denis Coderre, Mayor of Paris Anne Hidalgo, French Prime Minister Manuel Valls, Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau and his wife Sophie Gregoire-Trudeau, and Canadian Ambassador to France Lawrence Cannon pay their respects in Paris on Sunday at a memorial outside the Bataclan Cafe, one of the sites of the Nov. 13 terrorist attacks.

At Sunday's ceremony, singer Veronic Dicaire performed the Quebec ballad *Quand les hommes vivront d'amour* (When men will live for love), and kids from a Quebec school board laid flowers in front of the locale.

Trudeau called his visit to the Bataclan "extremely touching."

ADRIAN WYLD/THE CANADIAN PRESS

# Hollande, Trudeau talk security in Paris

## MILITARY

## Canadian PM affirms solidarity in terrorist fight

French President Francois Hollande appeared to give his blessing to Canada's proposed withdrawal of its fighter jets from the bombing campaign against Islamic militants after meeting Prime Minister Justin Trudeau on Sunday at the

Elysee Palace.

The fight against the Islamic State in Syria and the Levant (ISIL), has taken on new urgency in France after terrorists claiming to be inspired by the movement killed 130 people earlier this month in Paris in seven co-ordinated attacks.

Hollande has been travelling the world drumming up support for a massive military response, including more air strikes by more countries, at exactly the same time Trudeau's government says it will remove Canada's six CF18s

from Iraq and Syria and step up military training instead.

Hollande said he and Trudeau had spoken about security, the battle against radicalism and diplomacy.

"But we also have to act militarily," said Hollande, adding Trudeau affirmed Canada's solidarity in the global fight and each country should contribute "within their own means."

Trudeau said Saturday the shadow of the recent terrorist attacks in Paris has made world leaders eager to show up in solidarity at the Paris climate

talks that begin Monday, and he was optimistic of a positive outcome despite the absence of credible emissions-cutting plans to stop global warming.

Foreign Affairs Minister Stephane Dion and Catherine McKenna, Minister of Environment and Climate Change, held a news conference Sunday in Paris at the government-run Canada Cultural Centre where the Canadian optimism briefly foundered on the question of whether a Paris climate deal will be legally binding.

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## POLITICS

## Overhaul to include gender-parity goal

The federal Liberals say they plan to extend a vow of gender parity in cabinet to ensure the same outcome in the hundreds of appointments the government makes to boards, agencies and Crown corporations.

The Liberals promised in the election to overhaul an appointment process that now is conducted behind closed doors and was sometimes mired in accusations of political patronage for government donors or failed candidates.

The party has vowed to create an outside body to recom-

mend new senators, a model similar to one used in Britain for government-wide appointments to boards and agencies made by cabinet and ministers.

The Liberals didn't provide details of how the appointments process, which they now oversee, will work.

"Appointments will be open, transparent and merit-based and we will ensure gender parity and that more indigenous peoples and minority groups are reflected in positions of leadership," said Olivier Duchesneau, deputy director

**Maybe they don't have Harvard degrees or Yale degrees, but it's also OK to appoint people with common sense.**

**Penny Collette, former head of appointments**

of communications to Prime Minister Justin Trudeau.

Penny Collette, who was head of appointments for former prime minister Jean Chretien, said making the process more transparent would likely require more resources and money for the Prime Minister's

Office and Privy Council Office.

There are also privacy issues a more open process needs to consider so a candidate's employer doesn't hear they might be leaving, and the government needs to define "merit" to avoid accusations of political patronage. THE CANADIAN PRESS



# 'Madman' attacks clinic

## DOMESTIC TERRORISM

### Three dead in killing spree at Planned Parenthood

Robert Lewis Dear, the suspected gunman in a deadly shooting at a women's health clinic that offers abortions, said "no more baby parts" after his arrest, a law enforcement official said.

The official spoke on condition of anonymity, not authorized to speak publicly about the investigation.

Police said they will not disclose why the gunman opened fire at the Planned Parenthood clinic, killing three people. Colorado Springs police said in a statement they are sealing the warrants related to the case against 57-year-old Robert Lewis Dear. They are not providing information on the weapon used.

Dear is expected to make his first court appearance Monday. Planned Parenthood, a na-



**Mourners attend a vigil held on Sunday at the University of Colorado-Colorado Springs' campus for those killed in Friday's deadly shooting at a Planned Parenthood clinic on Nov. 28 in Colorado.** CHRISTIAN MURDOCK/THE GAZETTE VIA THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

tional organization, has cited witnesses as saying the gunman was motivated by his opposition to abortion, one of America's most sensitive issues.

In July, anti-abortion activists released undercover video they said showed Planned Parent-

hood personnel negotiating the sale of fetal organs. Planned Parenthood has denied seeking any payments beyond legally permitted reimbursement costs for donating the organs to researchers. Still, the National Abortion Federation says it has

since seen a rise in threats at clinics nationwide.

Anti-abortion activists, part of a group called the Center for Medical Progress, denounced the "barbaric killing spree in Colorado Springs by a violent madman" and offered prayers

## + BACKGROUND

### Suspect divide time between cabin, trailer

Dear lived part of the time in a cabin with no electricity or running water in North Carolina. Neighbours said when he spoke it was a rambling combination of topics that didn't make sense. Authorities searched the suspect's Colorado trailer but found no explosives.

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for the dead and wounded and for their families.

The Planned Parenthood clinic has long been the site of anti-abortion protests, but a Roman Catholic priest who has held weekly Mass in front of it for 20 years said Dear wasn't part of his group.

"I don't recognize him at all," the Rev. Bill Carmody said.

At a vigil Saturday for the victims, Rev. Nori Rost called the gunman a "domestic terrorist."

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## IN BRIEF

### Pope Francis brings message of peace to Africa

Pope Francis plunged Sunday into conflict-wracked Central African Republic and urged the country's Christian and Muslim factions to lay down their weapons and instead arm themselves with peace and forgiveness. Francis issued the appeal from the altar of Bangui's cathedral on the final leg of his three-nation African tour. "My wish for you, and for all Central Africans, is peace," Francis said. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

### Mortar attack on Mali base kills at least 3, injures 20

Mortars lit up the dawn sky when they were fired on a United Nations base in the northern Mali city of Kidal early Saturday, killing at least three people. Two UN peacekeepers and a contractor were killed in the assault that also injured 20 people, leaving four in serious condition, said Olivier Salgado, spokesman for the Mali UN mission. A Kidal resident said about six shells were fired at dawn.

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### Thousands of Burkina Faso citizens vote in first election

Thousands of people cast their ballots Sunday in Burkina Faso's first presidential and legislative elections since a popular uprising toppled the nation's longtime leader last year.

"It is a victory for the youth that has expressed its will for change and for real democracy," said transitional President Michel Kafando.

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## PROTEST MOVEMENT

# Michael Brown laid to rest without headstone

Michael Brown once told an uncle that the world one day would know his name, and he was right. But 15 months after the black 18-year-old's killing by a white police officer in Ferguson, Mo., sparked a national protest movement over the treatment of blacks by U.S. law enforcement, he lies

buried in relative obscurity.

There is no headstone marking his grave in St. Peter's Cemetery. There is just a concrete slab with "MB" spray-painted in orange.

Other matters have interfered in getting a permanent headstone in place, said Lyah LeFlore, vice-president of the

Michael O.D. Brown "We Love Our Sons & Daughters" Foundation that Brown's mother, Lesley McSpadden, helped launch in her late son's memory.

Among the distractions: The wrongful-death lawsuit that McSpadden and Brown's father filed against Ferguson,

the St. Louis suburb's former police chief and Darren Wilson, the officer who shot and killed Brown during an August 2014 confrontation.

The cost presumably isn't an issue. Hundreds of thousands of dollars were raised through fundraising websites to defray the family's

expenses.

"Everybody has to do things kind of at their own pace," LeFlore said of efforts to mark Brown's grave.

McSpadden "just wants something beautiful, poetic and wonderful in her son's memory."

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## SUMMIT

## Turkey, EU seek common ground

European Union leaders and the Turkish prime minister sealed a joint summit with a commitment to re-energize Turkey's long-stalled membership talks and bolster their common resolve to deal with the Syrian refugee crisis.

The 28 EU leaders were leaning hard on Prime Minister Ahmet Davutoglu to stem the flow of migrants seeking a better future in Europe's heartland and European Council President Donald Tusk said the latest estimate showed that "approximately 1.5 million people" had illegally entered the bloc this year, many coming through Turkey.

It left the EU in need of help from Ankara, even if their recent relations have been sown with discord. On Sunday, it was hugs all around as Tusk and Davutoglu completed what they called a breakthrough summit to put relations on an even keel again.

Both sides got concessions: The EU desperately needs Turkish help to contain the flow of migrants into the bloc, and Turkey resuscitated long-mothballed hopes to join a bloc in which it would, by population, become the biggest single member. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



**We expect to see an immediate and substantial reduction of irregular migrants arriving to Europe.**

Prime Minister  
Ahmet Davutoglu



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**1 Frankfurt, Germany** — A woman wears a gas mask during a protest rally to promote climate protection on Sunday. FRANK RUMPENHORST/DPA VIA THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

**2 Paris, France** — Police fight with activists during a protest ahead of the 2015 Paris Climate Conference at the place de la Republique. LAURENT CIPRIANI/ THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

**3 Madrid, Spain** — A protester dressed as a polar bear marches with others through the streets of central Madrid holding banners reading: "We are unstoppable, let's save the climate," during the Global Climate March. DANIEL OCHOA DE OLZA/ THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

# Global rallies calling for action on climate

## ENVIRONMENT

## French police fire tear gas as protests rage on in Paris

Hundreds of thousands of people have taken part in rallies around the world on Sunday, calling on leaders to halt climate change on the eve of a major conference in Paris.

Violence quickly erupted

between French riot police and a group of several hundred at a major square in Paris that was the site of a peaceful demonstration earlier. Police fired tear gas to disperse protesters throwing projectiles.

An organizer of the rallies, Avaaz, said that early estimates of marchers around the globe show 570,000 people marched in 175 countries.

Here are some of the rallies that took place in Europe on Sunday.

Thousands of demonstrators gathered in central Paris and formed a human chain along the route of a long-planned protest march that was banned by the French government in a security crackdown following the Nov. 13 Paris attacks. Nearby, thousands of shoes, some decorated, were placed at the Place de la Republique to symbolize the many feet that could not march because of the ban.

Thousands of people marched through London,

urging world leaders not to blow their chance to take strong action on climate change.

Actress Emma Thompson, designer Vivienne Westwood and Labour Party leader Jeremy Corbyn are among demonstrators urging politicians to strike a binding agreement at climate talks in Paris.

About 4,000 people held a rally in the German capital, marching from Berlin's train station to the Brandenburg Gate to listen to speeches and music. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

## + ARRESTS

French Interior Minister Bernard Cazeneuve said 174 people in Paris were jailed for possible charges. He said, separately, that 26 people have been placed under house arrest, stressing they weren't militants but people known for violence in the past. Some protesters chanted "a state of emergency is a police state."

## SYRIAN CRISIS

## Citizenship process tough for refugee children born in Iraq

Aria is stateless. Like thousands of other children born to Syrian refugees living in Iraq, the 10-month-old girl is beginning her life in legal limbo.

Some 240,000 refugees who fled the fighting in Syria now live in Iraq, where among many other hardships, they are often unable to get their children citizenship in either country.

"It's required to have a nationality," said Azad Khalil, the girl's father. "She doesn't exist in any records (in Syria) because

she was born here."

Syrian refugees who have children in Iraq's Kurdistan region are entitled to apply for official birth certificates from local authorities, but many families don't. Refugee camps are often far away from government buildings in major cities, so many children are left without the most basic documentation.

Khalil said he can only apply for citizenship for his daughter if the family returns to Syria.

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**A Syrian refugee woman holds her children at an informal tented settlement in northern Iraq.** SEIVAN M. SALIM/ THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

## SYRIA

### Airstrikes kill at least 18

Airstrikes believed to have been carried out by Russian warplanes killed at least 18 civilians and wounded dozens more on Sunday in a northern Syrian town held by insurgents, Syrian opposition media reported.

The Britain-based Syrian Observatory for Human Rights said the airstrikes struck the town of Ariha, killing at least four children and wounding dozens more. The Observatory said three buildings were destroyed in the chaos.

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## PROTEST

## Israel suspends peace talks over label issue

Israel on Sunday suspended contacts with European Union representatives on Mideast peace issues to protest the 28-nation bloc's decision to label Israeli exports from the West Bank.

The decision, which deepened a fissure with the EU over the labeling issue, came as a rash of Palestinian attacks showed no signs of relenting. In Sunday's violence, Palestinians carried out two new stabbing attacks — wound-

ing a woman and a police officer. One of the assailants was shot dead.

Israel has been up in arms since the EU announced this month that goods produced in Israeli settlements must have special labels and cannot say they were made in Israel. Israel has said the decision is discriminatory and unfairly singles out Israel, while the EU says it is a technical matter to clarify the origins of the products. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS





**HOG-TIED TRIBUNE COUNTY RUNNING OUT OF WATER** A pig looks out of its pen at Seaboard Foods' Ladder Creek operation near Tribune, Kan. With the water source under the flat, arid prairie nearly exhausted after decades of overuse, county residents narrowly voted five years ago to allow corporate hog-feeding operations to move in to replace failing crop farms, but the company is pumping wells that had been idle for a decade, and environmentalists and some residents are worried that instead of preserving the remaining water, the county will be a desert once the hogs and the water are long gone. CHARLIE RIEDEL/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

# Clean-tech fix eyed for warming woes

## CLIMATE CHANGE

### Gates sparks plan to spend billions on low carbon energy

Government and business leaders are banking on clean energy technology to fight global warming, kicking off this week's high-stakes climate change negotiations in Paris by pledging tens of billions of dollars for research and development.

Microsoft founder and philanthropist Bill Gates, U.S. President Barack Obama and French President Francois Hollande will announce the new initiative on Monday, committing to spend tens of billions of dollars for a technological fix to the planet's climate woes, three current and former officials have said.

"It's quite a big deal," said Jennifer Morgan, global climate director for the World Resources Institute. "It brings

a new kind of burst of energy into the conference right at the beginning on something very important."

The "ambitious" effort to develop clean energies initially involves eight countries — France, the U.S., India, South Korea, Saudi Arabia, Australia, Canada and Norway — according to a French official. These countries would pledge to double their spending on low or no-carbon energy, according to an early version of a document.

The money would focus on research and development of technologies such as energy storage, which could make better use of clean power from wind and solar regardless of the vagaries of weather.

Led by Gates, about 20 private business leaders have signed on to the initiative, making their pledges conditional on governments also pledging more money, said a former U.S. government official who is familiar with the plan.

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## + NOT ENOUGH

**Ban Ki-moon suggests reviews every five years**  
UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon says governments' pledges to cut global warming emissions aren't enough and should be reviewed before 2020.

He endorsed plans for reviewing targets every five years.

More than 180 countries have submitted climate action plans before the UN climate summit in Paris, including pledges to cut or rein in heat-trapping greenhouse gas emissions after 2020, when the new deal is supposed to take effect.

However, scientific analyses show that even if those plans are implemented man-made warming is likely to reach almost 3 Celsius, which is beyond the 2-Celsius goal of the international talks.

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## HOLIDAY SHOPPING

# Black Friday store sales fall as more shoppers go online

Black Friday shopping is shifting from hours spent in line to more time online.

Sales at retail stores on Black Friday fell to \$10.4 billion US this year, down from \$11.6 billion US in 2014, according to preliminary figures from research firm ShopperTrak.

And sales on Thanksgiving dropped to \$1.8 billion US from just over \$2 billion US.

A big reason for the declines is increased online shopping, as Americans hunt down deals on their smartphones, tablets and computers. Another key factor: Many retailers are offering bargains long before Thanksgiving, limiting the impact of Black Friday specials.

Still, most analysts expect this year's holiday sales to show stronger growth than last year's. Americans are starting to see early signs of pay increases, hiring has been solid in the past year, and low gas prices are leaving more money in shoppers' pockets.

"There's a lot of strength in

the consumer," said Bill Martin, co-founder of ShopperTrak. Even with the slip in sales, "Black Friday will end up being the number one sales day in retail this year."

Chris Christopher, director of consumer economics at consulting firm IHS, predicts that holiday season e-commerce sales will jump 11.7 per cent this year to about \$95 billion, up from last year's 10.9 per cent gain.

That's a much larger increase than the 3.5 per cent gain Christopher forecasts for total holiday retail sales, including both online and in traditional retail stores. Overall, about \$1 in every \$7 in holiday shopping sales will occur

online this year, IHS predicts.

Retailers have also started offering deep discounts as early as Halloween, even advertising them as "Black Friday" deals.

Auto dealers have got in on the game and are offering "Black Friday" discounts.

"Consumers have shifted and started earlier," Martin added. Americans are doing more of their holiday shopping in November, he said, a decade-long trend, even though December remains the month in which consumers spend the most.

The move toward earlier discounts was intensified this year because many retailers struggled with overstocked warehouses and store shelves heading into the fall, Christopher said.

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# 14.3%

**Amount online sales jumped on Friday compared with last year, according to Adobe, which tracked activity on 4,500 retail websites. Email promotions drove 25 per cent more sales compared with 2014.**

## BANKING

# Big banks focus on cost cutting

Grappling with a perfect storm of economic and operating challenges, Canada's biggest banks are expected to emphasize their efforts to rein in costs as they report their fourth-quarter earnings this week. "They need a catalyst to grow earnings, and increasingly I think the focus is on expenses," said Edward Jones analyst Jim Shanahan.

Analysts will be looking for signs of cracks stemming from continued low oil prices on the banks' loan books.

The first such indications of trouble began to crop up last quarter, when most of the lenders reported higher impaired loans — loans that are unlikely to be repaid in full — to companies in the oil and gas sector.

Despite the spike, the credit problems that have so far surfaced have proven to be manageable for the banks.

Analysts say the brunt of the pain is more likely to be on the consumer loan side — for example, when laid-off workers are unable to pay back their credit cards, consumer loans and mortgage debts.

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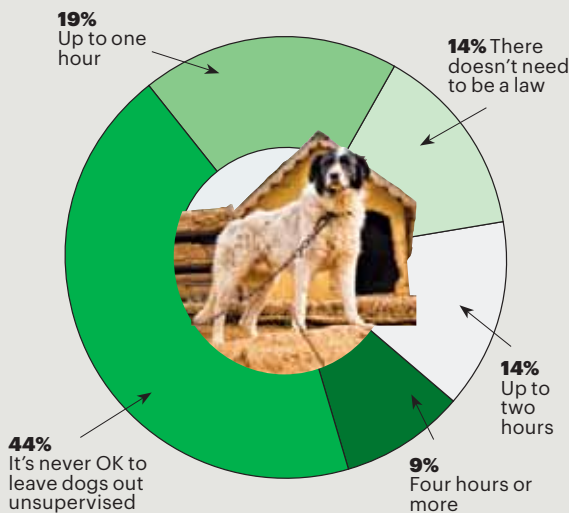
## Metro MONDAY POLL

# The leash you can do

Visit [metronews.ca](http://metronews.ca)  
every Friday to  
have your say.

**How long you can** tie up Toto could soon be a matter for the law. Dog tethering bylaws are being introduced in many communities, as animal welfare advocates try to stop a practice they say is cruel and makes dogs more aggressive. The maximum tying-up time ranges from one to four hours. We asked our readers if this should be common sense, or if a crackdown on cruelty is in order.

### 1 How long should you be allowed to leave your dog outside on a leash (in decent weather)?



### 2 What should the penalty be for people who tether dogs outside for extended periods?

41% A fine of more than \$100  
16% A doggy parenting class  
13% A fine of less than \$100  
8% A short jail term  
8% Lock them up and throw away the key!  
14% Other

Second-time offenders should not be allowed to keep animals.

Tie them outside to see how they feel!

### 3 What should people do with their dogs when they need to leave them alone?

52% Leave them in the house (within reason)  
11% Leave them with a dog sitter  
10% Get family or friends to check in  
9% Put them in doggy daycare  
9% Leave them in a fenced yard with plenty of food, water and shelter  
1% Tie them up  
8% Other

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WE ASKED Metro readers

## metroview

# Fentanyl is a side-effect of overdosing on abstinence

**Tim Querengesser**  
Metro | Edmonton

My addiction started at 15 and every time I've quit without medicine or counselling, I've relapsed.

My addiction is nicotine, and like most dependencies, it won't kill me if I smoke again — which evidence shows is likely.

But let's flip the script: If I were physically addicted to, say, fentanyl, 50 times more powerful than heroin, and I quit and relapsed the same way I've done with tobacco, the outcome could be tragic.

As with all opioids people abuse, public-health workers see that heavy users often get clean through abstinence treatment, but then relapse.

Going clean lowers tolerance, so using again puts a person at an extremely high risk of overdose and even death.

That the stakes are this high makes what's happening with fentanyl treatment in Alberta a wake-up call for the rest of Canada. It's beyond time we put aside the morality-based abstinence ideal and follow what science shows works: methadone and suboxone. Experts say these medications cut cravings, treat withdrawal symptoms, prevent relapse and save lives.

So far in 2015, 213 Alberta deaths have been attributed to fentanyl, with 55 in the Edmonton zone.

But troublingly, several reports have shown the number of people on methadone treatment in Alberta is

actually down, and there are month-long waiting lists to get in.

Elaine Hyshka, a PhD student in the School of Public Health at the University of Alberta, said the problem is complex and not about indifference or political will.

She explained it's partly due to a shortage of doctors licensed to prescribe methadone and suboxone in Alberta, and limited incentives to get them to earn the licence.

As Metro Edmonton has reported, mothers of fentanyl users have been desperate to find their children treatment beds — cut access to the drug, goes the thinking, and they'll live another day.

It definitely works, short term. But, Hyshka said, most of Alberta's in-patient addiction beds are abstinence based, and don't include methadone or suboxone. That's a very big problem.

So too is the fact that most in the Alberta addictions treatment community saw this situation coming, with the 2012 removal of OxyContin from the prescription (and thus, illicit) market in the province.

There was already an opioid problem here, Hyshka said, and removing a popular pill didn't kill demand — it just shifted it to a drug that's far more lethal.

The same applies to methadone and suboxone: The demand is there. Abstinence is being used in substitution. As the tragic stats show, that's not working.

# What's in a name? A lot, if it's Gottingen

## HALIFAX MATTERS

**Stephen Kimber**



Quick now, who was Gavin Rainnie? Rainnie Drive? Doesn't tinkle any bells? How about that short street that skirts the northern base of Citadel Hill from the new Common roundabout to the corner of Brunswick and Duke, the one thousands of us pass through daily while travelling to or from downtown?

If you don't faithfully follow city council debates, you

**Developer Jason Ghosn claims a Gottingen address would 'adversely affect' marketability.**

may have missed its recent 15 minutes of fame.

City Council last week accepted a staff report re-naming a portion of Rainnie — from Duke Street to the corner of Rainnie and Gottingen — to just "Gottingen." The decision, staff insist, follows "fairly straightforward, defined policies" so street names are "consistent for emergency response."

That might have been that, except we're talking about Gottingen Street. And that changes everything.

Grafton Developments is in the middle of constructing an eight-storey, mixed commercial-residential development called The Pearl. The Pearl was to be at 5447 Rainnie Dr., but its address will now become 1901-03 Gottingen St.

In a letter to councillors, developer Jason Ghosn claims his company paid a

"premium" for the site "in recognition of the heritage of the street name."

Rainnie?

Really?

You may be forgiven if you didn't instantly know Maj. Gavin Rainnie was a soldier who died on D-Day in 1944. (If the name matters so much, you might ask, why didn't the developer call it "Rainnie Towers?" But that's another question.)

The real answer to the "Rainnie" question is not Rainnie, but Gottingen. Ghosn claims a Gottingen Street address would "adversely affect" the Pearl's "marketability and ultimate profitability."

He isn't the first. Back in the 1980s, residents of Gottingen north of Young Street petitioned to have their street renamed to the meaningless Novalea Drive, just so no one would confuse their fine middle-class

neighbourhoods with the public-housing-social-service-drug-addled-boarded-up-and-well ... black district to the south.

That — and not historic significance — is behind Grafton's argument, too.

Historic significance? Gottingen Street celebrated its 250th anniversary last year.

During last Tuesday's meeting Coun. Linda Mosher asked council to defer renaming the street while staff considered coming up with an entirely new and different name for the block — historical significance anyone? — but her motion, thankfully, was defeated 10-5.

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# Country music's bumpy ride

TEBEY OTTOH

## Singer still grinding away despite early Nashville success

Tebey Ottot was not old enough to drive when he first managed to get his boot in the door of Nashville's impregnable country scene, and he certainly wasn't old enough to understand his luck.

He was 14 when he won a country singing contest in Simcoe, Ont., a competition he had previously conquered as young as six. This time, the prize included studio time in Toronto, which the adolescent Ottot used to craft his debut demo.

Naively, he mailed it to the record companies in Nashville and waited.

"Everyone knows that's not how you get a record deal," he recalled, sipping a vodka and Red Bull at the Rock 'n' Horse Saloon in Toronto. "Those things just go in the garbage."

In Ottot's case, however, the demo caught the ear of the president of MCA Records, who summoned the teen to Nashville and promptly signed him to a development deal.

"I'm thinking as a 15-year-old kid: 'Wow. That was really easy.'"

The next 17 years would prove him wrong.

His solo career would suffer several false starts and supposed finishes, and before he would get the chance to write songs for One Direction, Cher or, well, himself,



**MCA Records signed Tebey Ottot to a development deal at 15 years old, but by the time he was 20, it was all gone. So he turned to songwriting, penning songs for the likes of One Direction and Cher.** TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

he would have to prove exactly how much he wanted it.

Early on, however, music came naturally. The son of an engineer born in Nigeria who met his mother on a soccer scholarship at Trent University, Ottot began singing in church at age five.

It was with his father that he shuffled to Music City, with the rest of his family remaining in Burlington, Ont.

By 17, he had shifted to a different record label, but the opportunities were no less abundant.

He had an American publishing deal, a star producer (Bob Rock) and a famously tenacious

manager (Bruce Allen).

It amounted to almost nothing. "I had everything I could have ever dreamed of as an artist at 17 years old," he said.

"And by the time I was 20, it was all gone. I lost my record deal. I lost my publishing deal. I parted ways with Bruce.

"That brought me back down to earth pretty quick."

It also brought Ottot back to Canada, where he was dejected but undeterred.

Soon, he found that he could extract more mileage by putting his songs into the hands (or voices) of others.

He wrote music for Canadian Idol and hits started trickling in: Run for Rex Goudie, Let's Go for Shawn Desman.

He then received a call from his old Nashville buddy, John Rich, one half of Big & Rich. Coming off two platinum albums, Big & Rich wanted to record Ottot's song Radio on their next album.

With that, Ottot shuttled back to Tennessee and there he began scattering hits to every part of the musical field.

He penned tunes for One Direction, Cher, Flo Rida, Pixie Lott and Emerson Drive. Even here, his dogged nature stood out.

"Sometimes you'll sit down with a writer and they want to get that song done today," said Emerson Drive guitarist Danick Dupelle. "Not him. He doesn't settle for the easy way out."

Despite his success, however, Ottot wasn't content filtering his compositions through other voices.

He went solo again, his first name only, with 2012's appropriately titled The Wait, then 2014's Two. The former managed to chart only one song, but he's had more traction since: his past six singles have all placed in Canadian country radio's Top 40.

## THE SONGS

Tebey Ottot has written songs for some big artists — here are the stories behind two.

### • Shawn Desman, Let's Go:

Tebey was in Africa when Desman's producer let him know that this buoyant tune would be the first single on his next album. The only problem? "I honestly didn't remember writing that song," Ottot admits. "That's pretty embarrassing." Still, Desman and Ottot remained close; Desman was even a groomsman at Ottot's wedding.

### • Cher, Take It Like A Man:

Ottot and his collaborators initially wrote this song for the U.K. girl group The Saturdays, before it wound up with the beloved club siren. "When you think about it, it's like a perfect gay anthem for Cher, even though we didn't make it that way," he said.

The last two years in a row, Ottot was nominated for the Rising Star trophy at the CCMA's.

The moniker might seem absurd for an artist nearing his 20th year, but it's also, in a way, fitting. "Some people shoot to the top very quickly," he said.

"Others have to grind it out. And I feel that I'm going to grind it out."

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## SONDER MILL

### Tip the balance

Scott Miller discovered maker communities during a global backpacking trip. Four months and 15 countries later, Miller returned home to Toronto, and kept travelling. This time he sought out makers across North America and launched Sonder Mill. The online marketplace carries 2,000 ethically-made, small batch and one-off items by 200 Canadian and American makers.

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### May your slipper socks be merry and bright

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# SPORTS

Tyson Fury defeated Wladimir Klitschko by unanimous decision to end the Ukrainian's 9.5-year reign as heavyweight boxing champion

## Eskimos put Grey Cup on ice

CFL

### Redblacks denied their first league championship

Jordan Lynch's one-yard touch-down run with 3:22 remaining rallied the Edmonton Eskimos to an exciting 26-20 Grey Cup win over the Ottawa Redblacks on Sunday night.

Lynch successfully converted the third-and-one situation to cap a five-play, 78-yard drive. Quarterback Mike Reilly's three-yard pass to Akeem Shavers for the two-point convert erased a 20-18 advantage.

The drive was aided by Edmonton head coach Chris Jones challenging an in-completion that was ultimately changed to pass interference against Ottawa's Brandon Sermons. That gave the Eskimos the ball at the Redblacks' 10-yard line.

It was a dramatic finish for the Investors Group Field sellout of 36,634, the second-smallest Grey Cup attendance since 1975. It was the fourth time the CFL title game was played in Manitoba, and the first since 2006.

Edmonton secured its first Grey Cup title since 2005 and 14th overall in a record 25th appearance. Only Toronto (16) has won more.

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The Eskimos also finished the season registering their 10th straight win, all coming after Reilly returned as the club's starter. He suffered a knee injury in Edmonton's season-opening loss to Toronto.

It was a bitter ending to the season for Ottawa, appearing in its first Grey Cup since a 26-23 loss to Edmonton in 1981. The city's last CFL championship came in 1976 with the former Rough Riders.

The contest was a defensive battle, especially in the second half as Edmonton outscored Ottawa just 9-4. But after falling behind 13-0 early in the first quarter, the Eskimos outscored the Redblacks 26-7.

Edmonton players receive \$16,000 for the win while the Redblacks get \$8,000 apiece. The game-time temperature was -5 C but the 15-kilometre-an-hour wind created a windchill of -10 C.

Jones compiled a 26-10 regular-season record over his two seasons as Edmonton's head



The Eskimos' Marcus Howard rushes Redblacks quarterback Henry Burris on Sunday in Winnipeg. JOHN WOODS/THE CANADIAN PRESS

coach. Now the question remains how long he'll remain with reports the Saskatchewan Roughriders will ask permission to speak with Jones about their vacant head coach and GM positions.

This Grey Cup game was indeed a matchup of the best teams in the East and West Divisions. Ottawa (12-6) finished atop the Eastern conference after

winning just two games in its inaugural 2014 season while Edmonton (14-4) finished tied with Calgary for the league's best record but secured top spot in the standings based after winning the season series with the Stampede.

The Redblacks' Grey Cup appearance capped an amazing transformation for the franchise. On Thursday, head coach Rick

Campbell (coach of the year), quarterback Henry Burris (outstanding player), receiver Brad Sinopoli (top Canadian) and SirVincent Rogers (lineman) were honoured at the league's awards banquet.

But Ottawa finished 0-3 versus Edmonton this year, the first two losses coming in July with Reilly on injured list.

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### + MVP

Mike Reilly was named the game's most valuable player upon completing 21 of 35 pass attempts for 269 yards and two touchdowns. Edmonton's Shamawd Chambers was named the Canadian MVP.



Members of the Thunderbirds hoist the Vanier Cup following their dramatic victory. JACQUES BOISSINOT/THE CANADIAN PRESS

VANIER CUP

## UBC caps improbable season with title

It was Vanier Cup euphoria for first-year quarterback Michael O'Connor, kicking ace Quinn van Gylswyk and the rest of the underdog University of British Columbia Thunderbirds.

The 19-year-old O'Connor passed for 389 yards and van Gylswyk's fourth field goal with no time left was the game-winner as UBC edged the defending champion University of Montreal Carabins 26-23 in a thrilling Vanier Cup final on Saturday afternoon.

"I knew they weren't going to let us run the ball so I had

to play well for my teammates if we were going to win this game," said O'Connor, considered by many to be Canada's best quarterback prospect since another Ottawa native more than a decade ago, Jesse Palmer.

"We came out hot in the first half. A bit sloppy in the second half when I'd like to have some throws back, but hey, we pulled out the W."

It was a stunning performance from a team that was 2-6 last season and went 6-2 in Canada West conference play this season under veteran coach Blake Nill, who was lured to UBC after building a powerhouse at the University of Calgary.

Nill, who coached St. Mary's to Vanier Cups in 2001 and 2002 and who became the first winner with two differ-

ent teams, had to choke back tears. His Dinos had lost Vanier Cups at the same field, Telus Stadium at Laval University, three times.

"We made it tough on ourselves but that's what you expect from a young team," said the 53-year-old Nill. "This group of guys, I don't even think they were picked to make the playoffs in Canada West this year."

"What they have done is one of the most amazing things I've seen. I can't grasp it right now."

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12,557

A lively but less than capacity crowd of 12,557 took in the game.



# Herd get in the groove and leave Islanders stranded

QMJHL

## Moynihan nets pair to make it two in a row for Mooseheads



**Kristen Lipscombe**  
Metro | Halifax

If Sunday's game is any indication, the Halifax Mooseheads are getting into a pretty good groove.

The Mooseheads dropped the Charlottetown Islanders 4-2 on the road, with three of the Halifax QMJHL club's top players contributing multiple points and goaltender Eric Brassard making 36 saves, en route to the win that played out in front of 1,940 fans at the EastLink Centre in Charlottetown.

Sunday marked their second straight win, the last a commanding 7-2 victory over provincial rivals the Cape Breton Screaming Eagles last Tuesday night at home.

As the young Moose gain confidence, their numbers continue to improve, with Sunday's win giving them an 11-4-3-1 record overall and the ability to slowly climb up the standings.

The Herd currently sits in fifth place of the Maritimes division, just one spot below the Islanders, and is in 15th overall in the Quebec Major Junior Hockey League.

"I think we're improving, and that's exactly what we want to do, is keep getting better and better," Halifax Mooseheads head coach Dominique



Halifax Mooseheads defenceman Cody Donaghey poke checks the puck from Charlottetown Islanders winger Oliver Cooper during Sunday's game at the EastLink Centre in Charlottetown. MITCH MACDONALD/TC MEDIA

### In Charlottetown



Ducharme said Sunday night from the team bus as it travelled back home.

"The last couple of weeks we have done a much better

job," he said, adding the better they play, the better they feel about their abilities to compete. "That makes a difference."

In Sunday's roadie, Herd captain Timo Meier opened up the scoring early in the first period and assisted three goals in the third, veteran forward Danny Moynihan added two goals and two assists of his own and another longtime

Moose, Maxime Fortier, had a single and a couple of helpers.

"They were key in that game for sure," Ducharme said of his more experienced crew, adding Brassard had "a strong game" between the posts.

With the low point of Sunday's game perhaps being a shorthanded goal from Charlottetown forward Quinn O'Brien, which broke a 1-1 tie early in the second to give

the Islanders a 2-1 lead through the remainder of the period, the high point for the Halifax Mooseheads was at that point still to come.

Moynihan's first goal came at 8:05 on a third period power play, seemingly lighting an offensive spark under the Herd's skates, with two more goals to come before the final frame was done — and the game was won.

### AUS IN BRIEF

#### Huskies win 10th straight after thrashing Mounties

The women's hockey Huskies hit double digits with their winning streak over the weekend. St. Mary's Huskies easily beat the Mount Allison Mounties 7-2 on Alumnus Arena ice Sunday.

Seven different players scored, with two goals coming on the power play and one while shorthanded. Saint Mary's has now won 10 straight games, remaining atop Atlantic University Sport standings.

The Dalhousie Tigers, meanwhile, split their action on the ice this weekend, edging the UPEI Panthers 1-0 on the road Saturday and falling 5-2 to the Francis Xavier X-Women at home Sunday. On the men's side, Dalhousie Tigers fell 5-1 to the Acadia Axemen on Friday in Wolfville, while the St. Mary's Huskies were edged out 2-1 by the St. Francis Xavier X-Men at home.

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#### Both Huskies' ball teams break even on the road

Both of St. Mary's basketball teams split their double-headers weekends on the road, adding one win and won loss to their overall Atlantic University Sport records. In women's action, the Huskies topped the UNB Varsity Reds 61-50 on Friday but then fell 54-51 to the same team on Saturday.

On the men's side, the Varsity Reds edged the Huskies in overtime with a 102-97 final score on Friday night, but the Huskies got their revenge Saturday night when they came out on top 86-80 over the host team. The lady Huskies are in third place, while the guys are in seventh place of current standings.

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**Kobe Bryant's 32,670 points rank third all-time.**  
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NBA

## Kobe announces his 20th season will be his last

Kobe Bryant of the Los Angeles Lakers has decided to retire after this season.

The 37-year-old Bryant made the announcement

in a post on The Players' Tribune on Sunday. The decision was not totally unexpected, given that Bryant has said many times in recent weeks that he was considering making his 20th NBA season his last.

There's no more wondering now.

After two decades, two Olympic gold medals, five championship rings, 17 all-star selections, an 81-point game that ranks as the second-best in NBA history and more than 32,000 points, Bryant's career is officially winding down.

# 25.3

Bryant's 25.3 points per game over his career is 11th best in NBA history.

"This season is all I have left to give," Bryant said in what he called a letter entitled "Dear Basketball."

Bryant said in an interview on Sirius XM Radio just last week that "if something changes," he would come back and play next

season. Only a few days later, that's apparently no longer an option.

"My heart can take the pounding. My mind can handle the grind. But my body knows it's time to say goodbye," Bryant wrote in the post. "And that's OK. I'm ready to let you go. I want you to know now. So we both can savour every moment we have left together. The good and the bad. We have given each other all that we have."

Bryant ranks third on the NBA's career scoring list, and only 13 players in league history

played on more championship teams. Bryant helped the Lakers to titles in 2000, 2001, 2002, 2009 and 2010.

"Kobe Bryant is one of the greatest players in the history of our game," NBA commissioner Adam Silver said. "Whether competing in the Finals or hoisting jump shots after midnight in an empty gym, Kobe has an unconditional love for the game. I join Kobe's millions of fans around the world in congratulating him on an outstanding NBA career and thank him for so many thrilling memories." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS





Andy Dalton of the Cincinnati Bengals looks for an open receiver. JOHN GRIESHP/GETTY IMAGES

# Bengals back to early-season form

NFL

## Cincinnati dominates struggling Rams offence

As the touchdown passes and interceptions piled up, it felt like a throwback game for the Bengals. Andy Dalton threw three touchdown passes — two to A.J. Green — and Cincinnati emerged from its brief skid with an effort reminiscent of its perfect first half of the season, beating the St. Louis Rams 31-7 on Sunday.

After dropping a pair of close prime-time games, the Bengals (9-2) were back in sync against a team that struggles to score and keep up. The 31 points equalled the second-most

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against St. Louis this season.

In addition to Dalton's three touchdowns, the Bengals had three interceptions, including one that Leon Hall returned for a touchdown. "I felt like we played well in all phases of the game," Dalton said.

The Rams (4-7) have dropped four in a row, in large part because their offence ranks last in the league in passing. They switched quarterbacks last week, but Case Keenum got a head injury during a 16-13 loss in Baltimore and was limited in practice.

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## + ELSEWHERE

### Chiefs 30, Bills 22

Alex Smith threw for 255 yards and two touchdowns, Spencer Ware ran for 114 yards and a score, and the Chiefs (6-5) won their fifth straight. Jeremy Maclin had nine receptions for 160 yards and a TD.

### Redskins 20, Giants 14

Kirk Cousins threw a 63-yard touchdown pass to DeSean Jackson and scored on a quarterback sneak, Washington intercepted Eli Manning three times, and the Redskins pulled into a tie for the NFC East lead. The Redskins and Giants are both 5-6.

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TENNIS

## Britain's David Cup woes end with first triumph in 79 years

With one perfect lob, Andy Murray ended eight decades of Davis Cup frustration for Britain.

By beating David Goffin 6-3, 7-5, 6-3 on Sunday, Murray secured Britain's 3-1 victory over Belgium in the Davis Cup final and ended a drought for the country dating back to 1936. The 79-year gap is the longest between titles in Cup history.

"I can't believe we did it," Murray said. "We may never get

an opportunity to do this again. We should celebrate tonight."

Murray won all three points for Britain over the weekend and with his team holding an unassailable lead in the best-of-five series, the final singles match was not played.

Britain is the only nation to have competed in all Davis Cup editions since 1900, and its 10th title makes it the third most successful nation after the United States (32) and Australia

(28). But the last time it won the team competition, Fred Perry was its star. Britain last played in the final in 1978.

After hitting the backhand lob that clinched the match, Murray fell on his back on the clay at the Flanders Expo arena.

His teammates piled atop him but Murray was quick to wiggle himself out and ran toward the Belgian bench to congratulate his opponents.

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# metr OBITUARIES

## CARD, Una Madge

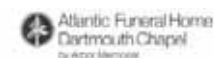


With her family by her side Una slipped into the hands of God on Thursday, November 26th, two days after her 76th birthday. Una was proud to have been born and raised in the small community of Bramber on Nova Scotia's Noel Shore. Growing up with her parents, Edna and Elmer Smith, her brothers Ralph and Donnie and her sister Judy, gave Una a love of life and a generosity of spirit that became a part of who she was for the rest of her life. Her early working years found her in Windsor, NS, at the Masonic Home caring for the elderly. That was until she met the love of her life and future husband, Rodney Card. They were married in 1961 and Una answered her true calling as a wife and mother. Together for 55 years Una and Rod lived, worked, cried and laughed as they raised their five children; Carol Anne (Kevin), Paul (Amy), Shawn (Rick), Tanya, and Lisa (Matthew). First living in Windsor, then in Saint Croix and settling in Bedford for the last 49 years. Eventually they reveled in growing old together as they pampered their cat Prince Charming and spoiled their grandchildren; Crystal (Shawn), Sonja, Amanda, Mirissa, Isabelle, Owen, Aidan and Abigail as well as spoiling their great-grandchildren; Robert, Mason, Wilson and Charlie. Grandchildren and great-grandchildren were always guaranteed a comforting hug and kiss and one of Grammie's freshly baked treats, delivered just out of the sight of the nearest parent. A roll that Grampie will now lovingly carry on. Una is survived by her husband Rodney Clarence Nelson Card, brother Ralph Smith (Janet), sister Judy Atwell (Allison), sister-in-law Donzella Bruneau-Allison (Chuck), brother-in-law Churchill Card (Carol), her children, grandchildren, great grandchildren and many nieces and nephews. Una was predeceased by both her parents Edna and Elmer Smith, her brother Donnie Smith and brother-in-law Allan Card (Sharon). A special thank you to the doctors and nurses of the Victoria General Hospital for their dedication and care of Una. Arrangements have been entrusted to Atlantic Funeral Home, 125 Sackville Drive, Lower Sackville, (902) 864-1434. Visitation will be held on Monday November 30th from 7 to 9pm. A funeral service will be held at Bedford United Church, 1200 Bedford Hwy, Bedford, on Tuesday Dec. 1st at 2 pm. A reception will follow after the service in the church hall. A family burial will take place on Wednesday, Dec 2nd at 1pm at the Bramber Cemetery, Rte 215, Bramber. Flowers - Oh yes! Una loved Flowers. Donations can also be made in her memory to the Canadian Diabetes Association. Online condolences may be made at: atlanticfuneralhomes.com (Sackville Chapel)

## WESTHAVER, Stanley

It is with sadness that we are announcing the passing of our father, grandfather, great grandfather, uncle, friend and neighbour, Stan Westhaver who passed away peacefully with his family on November 25, 2015 at the age of 87 years. He was predeceased by his wife of 63 years, who he first met in 1941 and later married in 1950, Mary (Duggan). Stan was the last surviving member of his family. Predeceased by his father, Richard and mother Adelaide (Hiltz); sisters, Garnet, June and Marie; brothers, Frank and Jack. Mourning the loss are daughters, Elizabeth "Betty" Westhaver, Judith "Judy" Kimball (Bob), Joan Justason (Enos) and sons, Christopher "Chris" (Dorreen), Paul (Sandra); 10 grandchildren and 5 great grandchildren, along with numerous nieces and nephews. Funeral Mass to be held 10am Tuesday December 1 at St. Peters Church, Maple St. Dartmouth, reception to follow in the church hall. Interment in Dartmouth Memorial Gardens. In lieu of flowers donations to IWK Health Centre or a charity of your choice. Online condolences may be sent by visiting [www.atlanticfuneralhomes.com](http://www.atlanticfuneralhomes.com) (Dartmouth Chapel). Stan wanted his friends and family to know that he loved you all. He is now at rest with the love of his life.

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ribbons  
• Salt and pepper to taste

**Directions**

1. Preheat your oven to 375 F.
2. In a large bowl, mix turkey, bread crumbs, grated cheese and half of the garlic until well combined. Roll into 1-inch balls. Place meatballs on a baking sheet and bake for 10 minutes.
3. In a large pot, warm olive oil over medium heat. Add onion and carrots and soften for about 3 minutes. Add the remaining garlic and rosemary and cook for another minute.
4. Add broth and the rind of Parmesan. Simmer for 7 minutes.
5. Add the orzo and continue to simmer for 6 minutes. Carefully add the meatballs to the soup and allow to simmer for 4 minutes. Toss in the spinach and stir. Serve with grated Parmesan.

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Prep time: 20 minutes

**Serves 4****Ingredients**

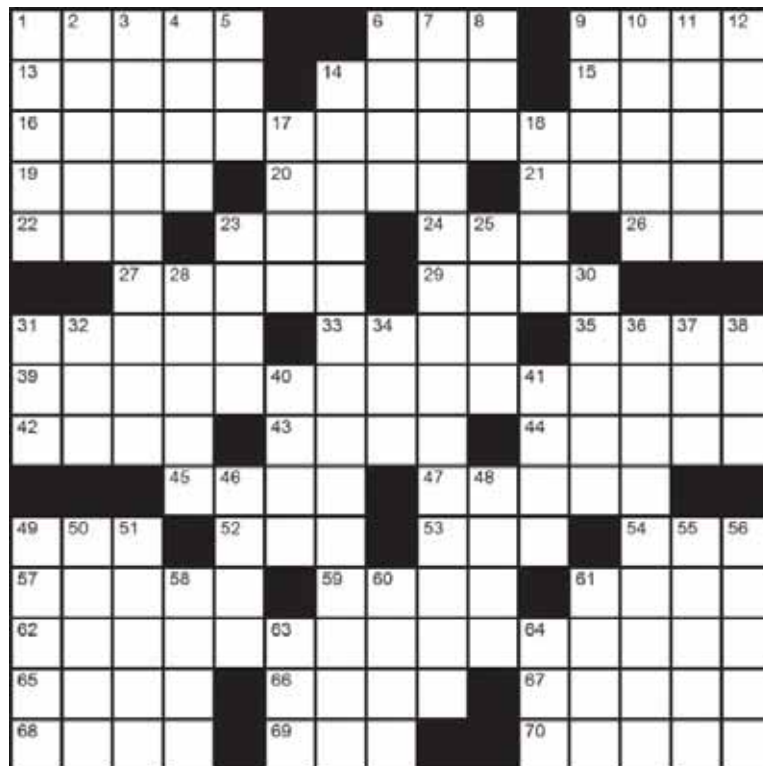
- 1/2 lb ground turkey
- 3 Tbsp bread crumbs or panko
- 1 Tbsp grated Parmesan
- 2 cloves garlic, minced and divided
- 1 Tbsp olive oil
- 1 onion, finely chopped
- 2 carrots, chopped into 1/4-inch disks
- 1 tsp finely chopped fresh rosemary
- 6 cups low-sodium chicken broth
- 1 Parmesan cheese rind
- 3/4 cup orzo
- 1 head of spinach, chopped into

**CROSSWORD** Canada Across and Down

BY KELLY ANN BUCHANAN

**ACROSS**

1. Aussie singer Ms. Goodrem
6. Mr. Hope
9. Pencil stubs
13. Self-evident truth
14. Movie studio
15. Maureen Forrester piece
16. \_\_\_-\_\_\_ (Prime Minister Mackenzie King's portrait is on the front of it)
19. Skedaddle
20. "So this ain't the \_\_\_ saw you again, today..." - Heart, "Barracuda"
21. Hydro bill factor
22. Affirmative
23. Grad cap wearer's honour, briefly
24. Bird's beak
26. Skirt's finished edge
27. Burglar
29. There's none during a blackout [abbr.]
31. Cheque recipient
33. Siberian city
35. Roman's 1502
39. What websites do on Cyber Monday: 2 wds.
42. Nest locale
43. Prefix with 'sphere'
44. Brian of Canadian figure skating
45. "\_\_\_ Bridges" (90s series starring Don Johnson)
47. Deluxe
49. '25' for Adele
52. Alkali
53. Rihanna's "\_\_\_ de Replay"



54. Kitchen utens.
57. Ancient Greek city-state
59. Foremost
61. Itty-bitty bit
62. Shorebird that breeds at a similar-sounding (to the answer's first word) Bay in Canada: 2 wds.

65. Hollywood star
66. Annoyance
67. Pumps parts
68. Denizen of Denmark
69. Oom-\_\_\_ (Tuba sound)
70. "When Harry Met \_\_\_" (1989)

**DOWN**

1. Duck pal for Bugs Bunny
2. Deport
3. Modus vivendi
4. Hold a handbag
5. Ms. Schumer
6. Daring
7. Lots of it happens on Cyber Mon-

day: 2 wds.

8. Not \_\_\_ long shot
9. Captures
10. Dickensian schemer Mr. Heep
11. Hogwash
12. 1692's witchy vicinity
14. Celtic folk tune

about a Cape Breton river: 4 wds.  
17. '90s band, \_\_\_-Lite  
18. Contraption cartoonist Mr. Goldberg  
23. Carpe \_\_\_!  
25. Ms. Gruning of "Casablanca" (1942)  
28. Stage/film actress Ms. Hayes  
30. Astronaut titles, e.g.  
31. Calif. clock setting  
32. Ireland's \_\_\_  
34. Roman's 1900  
36. Item for drying in the kitchen: 2 wds.  
37. 'Real' suffix in England  
38. Suffix with 'Court'  
40. Simple  
41. Sentence part  
46. Moreover  
48. Lengthy  
49. Ladybug's louse-y lunch  
50. Dutch cheese  
51. Iowa city which is the setting of 1930 painting American Gothic  
55. Tranquil  
56. Fall guy  
58. 1888 W.B. Yeats poem, The Lake \_\_\_ of Innisfree  
60. Oooh's friend  
61. Notion  
63. Tom Mulcair's pol. designation  
64. Surnamesakes of Canadian actress Sandra

**★ IT'S ALL IN THE STARS** by Sally Brompton

**Aries** March 21 - April 20  
Don't tell people what you think they want to hear. They will notice if your words sound insincere. Tell the truth, no matter how much it might hurt.

**Taurus** April 21 - May 21  
If you have fallen out with someone now is the time to kiss and make up. You will find just the right words to convey how much you regret any misunderstandings and they will go out of their way to say sorry too.

**Gemini** May 22 - June 21  
Don't push yourself harder than you need to. Cosmic activity in the area of your chart that governs wellbeing encourages you to share your workload. Partners and colleagues will help if you ask nicely.

**Cancer** June 22 - July 23  
Time is precious and you must not waste it. Certainly don't let others waste it. Focus your energy on activities that mean something to you.

**Leo** July 24 - Aug. 23  
A rival seems to be getting the better of an argument but maybe your opinions are not as good as you thought they were. Check your facts carefully and be ready to admit that you were wrong.

**Virgo** Aug. 24 - Sept. 23  
Not everyone can live up to your high standards so don't make a fuss if someone falls short today. They are more likely to respond to words of encouragement than to accusations that they are not trying hard enough.

**Libra** Sept. 24 - Oct. 23  
Pay attention only to things that matter personally. If you let your mind wander you may lose to a rival who does not possess your abilities but knows the value of concentration.

**Scorpio** Oct. 24 - Nov. 22  
Focus on what is important to the exclusion of everything else. You have wasted a lot of time on things that don't bring you closer to your goals.

**Sagittarius** Nov. 23 - Dec. 21  
You may be a bit more subdued than usual over the next few days but everything is relative and most likely by other peoples standards you will still be the life and soul of the party. On an inner level though questions need to be answered.

**Capricorn** Dec. 22 - Jan. 20  
You know what you like and what you dislike but as from today you will take a more relaxed attitude toward people who think, feel or act in ways you do not always agree with.

**Aquarius** Jan. 21 - Feb. 19  
This is an important time for your work and career and over the coming week you will get the chance to make an impression on employers. If you think your talents are being overlooked now is the time to speak up.

**Pisces** Feb. 20 - March 20  
Your thinking will be deeper and wider over the next few days as you leave behind trivial matters and focus on what really counts. Also, try to worry less about money.

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